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## 2006 February



From left to right: Joe Iacobellis, manager of athletics and recreation at Capilano College; Tom Caverly, executive director of Volleyball BC; Greg Lee, president of Capilano College; and Richard Walton, North Vancouver district mayor. (Photo by Ken Barbour.)

### College to host volleyball tournament

In 14 months time, Capilano College will be placed into the national spotlight when the 2007 Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) women's national volleyball championships come calling. The College has won the bid to host the four-day event from March 8 to 11 at its North Vancouver Sportsplex.

Eight women's volleyball teams from across Canada, including the Capilano College Blues, will take part in the event that will bring

approximately 100 athletes to the North Shore.

"Our women's volleyball team been ranked in the top 10 in Canada for the last four years and hosting this tournament will showcase it with the very best the country has to offer," says College Athletics and Recreation manager, **Joe Iacobellis**.

Capilano College previously hosted the event in 1986 with its women's team taking fifth place. The tournament was held at Simon Fraser University because the

College's Sportsplex wouldn't be completed until 1991. Today, the Sportsplex is one of the finest multipurpose rental facilities in Canada. It features a large showcase gymnasium with two full size regulation volleyball courts, eight badminton courts, two indoor soccer courts and 10 glass basketball backboards.

"Hosting this type of tournament is a source of pride for our team, our institution, our community and the Canadian sport delivery system," says Joe, who expects the tournament to open people's eyes to the high standard of athleticism in the collegiate sport system for women. "Canadians tend to regard American college sport as being the elite standard by which to gauge athletes, but I think our community will be pleasantly surprised with the high standard of college sport that will be shown at this national event."

### Learning from the best

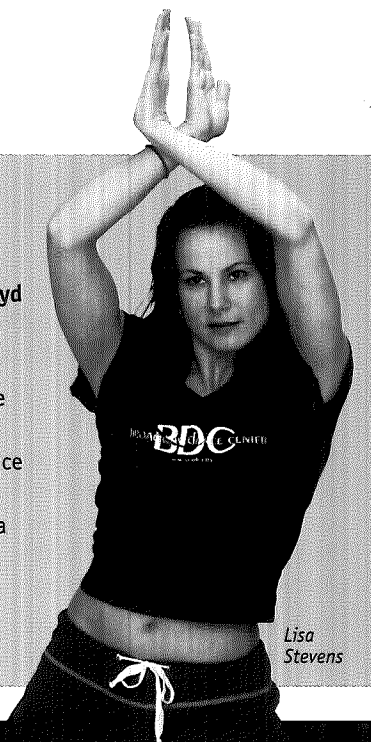
Students in their second year of the Musical Theatre program at Capilano College had an opportunity on January 17 to learn from one of the best performers in the field.

Guest choreographer, **Lisa Stevens**, provided the aspiring performers with a two-hour workshop at the North Vancouver campus. Lisa, who is originally from Vancouver, has had a successful international career as a musical theatre entertainer. Her list of credits is long, but includes a stint as assistant choreographer

for *The Phantom of the Opera* movie and choreographer for the upcoming American national tour of Andrew **Lloyd Webber's Bombay Dreams**.

"The Theatre department was very excited about our students having the opportunity to work with someone of this calibre and experience," says dance instructor, **Shelley Hunt**. "They were also inspired by the fact that Lisa is a Vancouverite."

Lisa's website can be found at [www.lisastevens.biz](http://www.lisastevens.biz).



Lisa Stevens



Tim Schoahs enjoys the scenery of Provence, France during his honeymoon in October 2004.

### close up

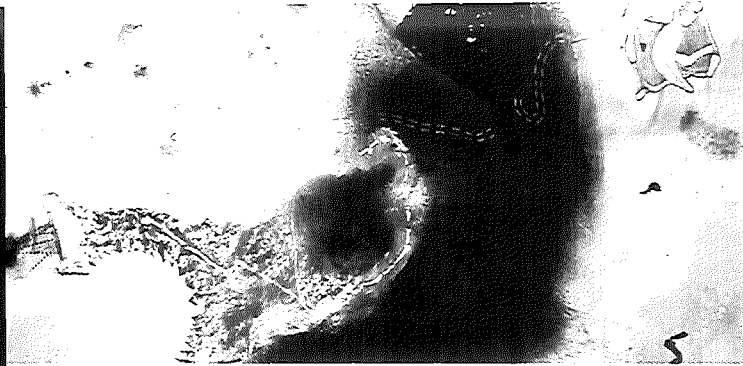
**Tim Schoahs** is ready to "test his metal" as the new regional development officer with the B.C. Centre for Tourism Leadership and Innovation (BCCTLI) in Squamish. The Centre is a focal point for province-wide tourism education and innovation.

Acting as a liaison between Capilano College, host of the BCCTLI, and the communities it serves in the Sea-to-Sky Corridor, Tim will be working to support the development of tourism programs and to connect tourism partners within the province.

"I'm excited about working with the College, the Squamish Sustainability Corporation, the Squamish First Nation and other partners towards developing Squamish as a leading North American learning destination," said the former president of Rivers and Oceans Expeditions, a company that provided high-end wilderness safaris in B.C., the Yukon and Alaska. "The B.C. Centre for Tourism Leadership and Innovation is providing timely and exciting ways to build capacity in our tourism workforce and I'm looking forward to being a part of it."

Outside of work and family, Tim is an avid cyclist who regularly participates in Squamish's popular Test of Metal Mountain Bike Festival. He will be working from the new Squamish Adventure Centre, a magnificent structure that showcases the positive future of B.C.'s tourism industry.





Nancy Boyd's recent work is at the Wallace Galleries in Calgary, Alberta.

## Artist explores the science of forms

A life form's ability to morph, adapt, then continue to evolve is the theme of artist **Nancy Boyd's** latest works that are being shown from May 20 to June 2 at the Wallace Galleries in Calgary, Alberta.

The show's three series, *Phylum*, *Genus* and *Morphology*, refer to different versions of the same exploration.

"My sources of inspiration come from physics, biology and anatomy," Nancy explains. "The real nature of

the world turns out to be no more or less astonishing than anything we ever could have imagined."

Nancy has been actively involved for many years in Vancouver's thriving art community. Her mixed media work is increasingly abstract, highly tactile and frequently infused with figurative or metaphoric allusions. She has shown extensively in many Lower Mainland public galleries and at several private galleries worldwide. In Vancouver, her work

is handled exclusively by the Elliot Louis Gallery. Her work is shown in Victoria by the Fran Willis Gallery.

For more information, visit Nancy's website at [www.nancyboydart.com](http://www.nancyboydart.com).

### Australia show

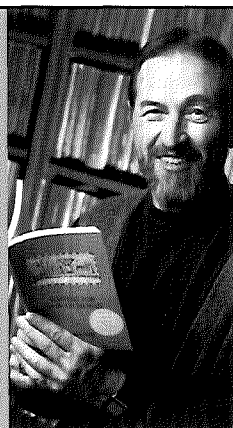
Employees in the Studio Art department have been invited to exhibit at the University of Wollongong in New South Wales, Australia. The exhibition is from February 9 to March 13, 2006. It was organized by **Penny Harris**, an artist who visited the College's Textiles Arts and Studio Art departments last year. The exhibition is called *Art from a Northern Colony: Capilano College Faculty and Staff Exhibition*, and includes work in video, painting, print, installation, digital imaging and photography.

## Celebrated writer visits College

Acclaimed writer of poetry, fiction and criticism, **Fred Wah**, was recently at the College as the *The Capilano Review's* writer-in-residence.

In addition to giving a reading on February 1 to students and employees, Fred also gave a talk on February 6 titled *Pop Goes the Hood: Writing and Reading the Neighborhood*.

Fred was one of the founding editors of the poetry newsletter TISH. His book of prose poems, *Waiting for Saskatchewan*, won the Governor General's Award in 1986. With **Frank Davey**, he edited the first ever online literary magazine, *SwiftCurrent*. Recent publications include *Diamond Grill*, *Faking It: Poetics and Hybridity*, and a chapbook called *Isadora Blue*. Until recently, Fred taught poetry and poetics at the University of Calgary. He is now a resident of Vancouver.



## SWARM draws them in

The extreme percussion sounds of visual artists, SWARM, grabbed the attention of a noon-hour crowd

when their theatrical and physical show hit the Birch building cafeteria on January 19. Spectators

were mesmerized by the troupe's original music and intense physical choreography. The following evening, SWARM played to a packed house at the Capilano College Performing Arts Theatre.

Visual artist and musician, **Bill Wallace**, is the founder and director of SWARM. He designs and constructs all the instruments, which include more than 100 drum sculptures, marimbas, water gongs, whirligigs, artillery shells, musical body costumes, and a parachute projection screen.

## Sunshine Coast residents receive awards

Hard work and determination has paid off for three students from Capilano College's adult basic education (ABE) program. Local residents **Scott Duvall**, **Rachel Gardner** and **Jon Sullivan** are all recent recipients of a \$1,000 Travis Cripps Award, which they received in December at the College's Sunshine Coast campus.

Scott was a paramedic who came to Capilano College in September 2004 to obtain English, math and science prerequisites to enter a nursing program. He is currently working towards a bachelor of

science in nursing at Thompson Rivers University.

Rachel entered ABE to acquire needed credits in chemistry for Capilano College's pre-med transfer program. Her long-term career goal is to enter medicine.

Jon's resolve allowed him to complete advanced level courses in math, chemistry and physics in a remarkably short period of time. He is considering a career in the electrical trades or engineering.

The Travis Cripps Award honours the former Capilano College ABE

student and Gibsons's resident who died in a forestry accident in 1998. Eligible applicants must be enrolled in, or previously enrolled in, a College adult education program.



Left to right are: Scott Duvall, ABE instructor John Field, Rachel Gardner, ABE instructor John Pass and Jon Sullivan.

## Report from Ed Council

Submitted by Frank Harris

At the February meeting, Education Council gave final approval to the Mountain Bike Certificate program.

Budget documents 2006/7 are on the College intranet under news and issues/president's newsletters.

Appropriate faculty will be informed when a withdrawal for extenuating circumstances (WE) grade is given. The calendar description will be expanded.

The academic schedule for fall 2006 to fall 2007 was discussed. The Remembrance Day closure on November 10 or 13, 2006 will be carefully considered.

**Catherine Vertesi** reported that discussions of public/private articulation concluded and that no change is required now. The British Columbia Council of Admissions and Transfer is currently reviewing the system.

Council recommends that the Institutional Service Plan be altered to clarify that the College may want: university status, mentor new employees, develop more cohort programs in university transfer, plan new buildings, and enhance recruitment initiatives.

Prior Learning Assessment will be examined to reduce the current charge of \$100 per credit in appropriate cases.

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